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Applicant(s) : HOEFLE et al.
Serial No. : 09/674,877
For : **EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES, PROCESSES
FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND THEIR USE**
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION WITH REQUESTS FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME AND INTERVIEW**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 21, 2002 setting a three month term for reply.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply to the March 21, 2002 Final Office Action be extended by one (1) month, i.e., to up to and including July 22, 2002 (as July 21, 2002 is a Sunday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee for the extension, or charge any deficiencies in such fees, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

AMENDMENT

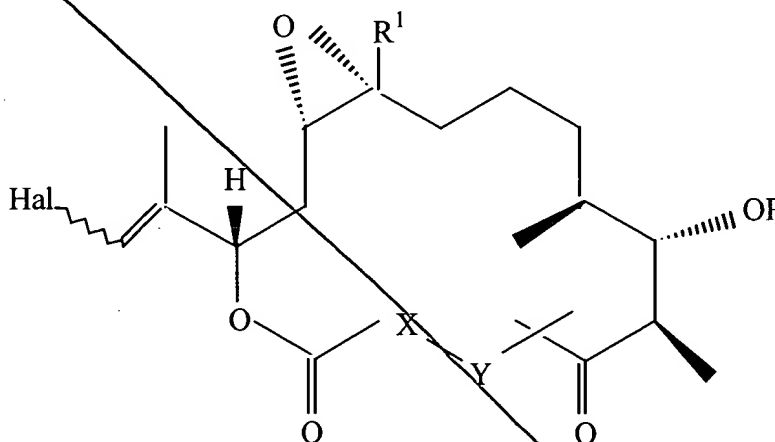
Kindly amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 21 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

Kindly amend the following claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

3. (Amended) Epothilone derivative of formula (4)



wherein the residues R^1 , X-Y and P are defined as in claim 1, and Hal is a halogen.